

Baraboo Public Art Association

MINUTES

July 28, 2022

1. Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Also present were Geick, Huffaker, Nelson, Rabska, Spring and Stelling (by phone). Watson, Palm and McArthur sent regrets.
2. Rabska moved approval of the **minutes** of June 23. Huffaker seconded, motion carried.
3. Rabska presented the **Treasurer's report** with \$8,367.68 in the savings account. (No changes to the Foundation account balance.) A check will be sent to Bev Vaillancourt for website services. Geick moved acceptance of the report, Spring seconded, motion carried.
4. There were no new funding leads.
5. Geick suggested Mary Krzyzaniak as a **prospective board member**. There was consensus that he should contact her to see if she might be willing to serve.
6. **Website** and related developments.
 - a. The new website is ready for public release.
 - b. Vaillancourt and Lowe set up a BPAA google drive and we can now move files from personal Google drives to the organization's shared drive. Lowe is the "owner" of the organization's Google drive.
 - c. Motion by Spring, seconded by Rabska to pay Vaillancourt \$25 a month for three months during which Geick and Spring will be shown how to maintain the website.
7. **Updates:** Watson sent a message that the GL Willson murals are almost ready to be installed. No further news about the Great Sauk State Trail (GSST), no further news about the mural ideas for Baraboo Arts Building or the Glenville Distillery wall, both of which depend upon decisions by building owners. A fence weaving project was on our plan for spring or summer, but it will have to wait.
8. **Myron Park Sculptures**
 - a. Huffaker reported that the garden is in full bloom and solar lights are still okay. Huffaker was asked to write a description of Geick gardens for a book about green spaces written by a friend in Croatia. The book is distributed in English, Hungarian and Croatian.
 - b. Spring noted that the sculpture park decorations for Circus Parade got good traction on social media.
9. Possible artwork or sign at **railway abutment**, corner of Lynn and South Blvd., would need to be approved by City. Nelson pointed out that the GSST might be routed through that area.
10. **Tagline.** Consultant Vaillancourt suggested that BPAA adopt a simple tagline to include on the website and other materials. "Art is the fabric of our community" was adopted by consensus as

a working tagline.

11. Friends of Baraboo Parks. The Challenge Park to be in upper Oschner Park is progressing. The selfie station design might be a small mural behind two chairs. The selfie station is a suicide prevention project. Rabska noted that BPAA's intended use of funds from the Foundation distribution (\$1829) must be reported by November. If we have no other plans for the funds, we can consider donating to the **selfie station**.

12. Embarking on one or more **new projects**.

a. We have an existing Wish List of projects to offer to prospective donors and continue to update it.

b. Brainstorming

- i. Could we plan something for the area near the bridge at the Circus World parking lot? Maybe relating to the Ho Chunk memorial?
- ii. New amenities are coming at Campbell Park (swimming pool park). Is that a possible location?
- iii. Is the time right to obtain another Dr. Evermor sculpture?
- iv. Where might we do a mosaic installation?
- v. There might be a new apartment building east of the City Admin building. The power transmission equipment could use some aesthetic enhancements. Maybe the bird house wall project could go there.
- vi. Council member Scott Sloan sent an image of an upright slab divided by an outline of the Fox River and etched map of Green Bay. Could we do a similar upright slab with the route of the Baraboo River?
- vii. (Post meeting-tagged on idea) Could there be an upright slab of the Canfield map of ancient mounds?
- viii. There are bas-relief panels on the West Square building depicting the removal of the Ho Chunk from the lands. Since the panels cannot be removed, then can there be a counterpoint art piece nearby? Placement would require approval by county board.
- ix. What artwork will be outside the new library?
- x. Could there be a child safe maze or labyrinth at Pierce Park? See concrete walking labyrinth at St. Clare gardens.

13. Next steps

- a. Create a brief survey on the website so we can collect public input about next projects.
- b. Once the survey is on the website, then do a press release about new website and call for public input.
- c. Send the press release to Baraboo News Republic, radio station and BPAA Facebook page.
- d. Use Baraboo United Facebook group to direct people to website page and survey.

14. Next meeting Thursday, August 25. Stelling moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.